



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Sent via FOIAonline

September 11, 2018

RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. EPA-R1-2018-008941

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This is the *second interim* response to your FOIA request dated June 22, 2018, **seeking certain documents regarding total nitrogen and the Great Bay Estuary.**

We have uploaded into FOIAonline 14 non-privileged documents responsive to your request.

This is an interim response only. Additional information will be forthcoming. EPA is currently reviewing the results of its centralized search for potentially responsive email records. This review will require the Agency to examine over 3,000 email records to determine if they are responsive to your request and whether there is any exempt material contained therein. Due to the voluminous nature of this request, EPA requires an extension of time to **November 9, 2018**, in order to complete its review of these records which may be responsive to your request. As it has done here and previously on August 7th, EPA will provide you with an interim response(s) as practicable and appropriate prior to its final response. If you would like to discuss narrowing your request or have any questions or concerns, please contact Michael Knapp of our Office of Regional Counsel at 617-918-1053 or knapp.michael@epa.gov.

Additionally, you may seek assistance, including dispute resolution services, from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; e-mail, ogis@nara.gov; telephone, (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (202) 741-5769.

Upon providing you with a *final* response, to the extent there are any adverse determinations you may appeal such determinations at that time. Information on how to appeal any adverse determinations will be provided along with the final response letter.

Sincerely,

Ken Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Cris Schena, R1 FOI Officer